



# Crime Watch News

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## COMMUNITY CRIME PREVENTION MEETING

### POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE P.A.L.

Wednesday  
October 20, 2004  
7:00 p.m.

Long Beach Water Department Headquarters  
1800 East Wardlow Road (West of Cherry Avenue)

Police Athletic League (PAL) Detectives will be providing the presentation for the evening and if all goes well, we'll see some demonstrations too! We strongly encourage parents to bring their school-age children, so both you and your children can learn more about our after-school PAL programs.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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- Tuesday, October 19, 2004, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
[Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Chief's Advisory Group Town Hall Meeting](#)  
Aquarium of the Pacific Honda Theatre, 100 Aquarium Way  
For further information, contact: Community Relations (562) 570-7215
- Saturday, October 23, 2004, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
[Annual Walk - Strides For Change](#)  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) - Queen Mary Events Park  
For further information, contact: (714) 838-6199
- Saturday, October 23, 2004, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
[Community Emergency Preparedness Fair 2004](#)  
American Red Cross - 7575 East Carson Street, Long Beach  
For further information, contact Bob Aronson: (562) 425-8141
- Saturday, October 23, 2004, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
[Police/Fire Expo and Family Security Show](#)  
California Organization of Police and Sheriff's, Irwindale Speedway  
13300 E. Live Oak Avenue, Irwindale



# OCTOBER . . .

## NATIONAL CRIME PREVENTION MONTH

The National Crime Prevention Council has designated October as National Crime Prevention Month. It is a celebration recognizing the successful crime prevention efforts on the local, state and national levels.



Its purpose is to promote interest in and enthusiasm for local crime prevention efforts. Crime Prevention programs are the front line of defense to reduce and prevent crime in our communities and they must be kept in the forefront.

Police Officers are unable to be on every corner and are unable to take care of all of our societal ills. They are usually called to the scene when crime prevention methods are either non-existent or are improperly implemented.

Community members, both residential and business, must take a more active role to protect themselves and their property. This can be done by simply doing some of the following:

First, take time to learn how you can implement crime prevention methods in and around your home and business. This knowledge will help to reduce the chance that you, a family member, an employee or customer might become a crime victim.

Second, implement the things you have learned. Remember, many crime prevention techniques work side-by-side as a system, if you leave one part of the system out, you jeopardize the whole system.

Third, get to know your neighbors or neighboring businesses and allow them to get to know you. Join our Neighborhood Watch, Apartment Watch

Community members must take responsibility for their neighborhood and business areas. Getting involved and taking responsibility is the key to crime prevention. The most qualified people to protect your neighborhood, apartments and business areas are the people living and working there. You know, better than the police, what is suspicious and what is not. Your best crime prevention method is to stop relying solely on the police and to start working with them to find solutions to your neighborhood problems and nuisances.

***“The Police are the public and the public are the police. The police being only full-time individuals charged with the duties which are incumbent on all of the citizens,”  
Sir Robert Peel stated in 1829.***

sances.

If you are interested getting involved and taking responsibility in your neighborhood, apartment or business, please contact the coordinators of our crime prevention programs:

### **Neighborhood Watch Program**

PSA Lisa Massacani  
Office Phone: (562) 570-7229  
E-mail: Lisa\_Massacani@longbeach.gov

### **Apartment Watch Program**

PSA John Houck  
Office Phone: (562) 7160  
E-mail: John\_Houck@longbeach.gov

### **\*Business Watch Program**

Corporal Harry Erickson  
Office Phone: (562) 570-7448  
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\*This program is currently limited due to limited staffing levels.

## SPECIAL CAMPAIGNS

# OCTOBER

## **National Crime Prevention Month**

**Month of October**  
Child Health Month

**Month of October**  
Communicate with Your Kid Month

**Month of October**  
Let's Talk Month

**Month of October**  
National Domestic Violence Month

**October 1 - 3**  
National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend

**October 3 - 9**  
National Fire Prevention Week

**October 4**  
National Child Health Day

**October 6**  
Walk Our Children to School Day

**October 13**  
SAVE Day  
(Stop America's Violence Everywhere)

**October 17-23**  
America's Safe School Week  
National Character Counts Week  
&  
Week Without Violence

**October 20**  
Student Pledge Against Gun Violence

**October 23-31**  
Red Ribbon Campaign Week

**Source: National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)**

# SAFETY TIPS Halloween



Halloween is a festive and fun time of the year for kids. With all the "ghosts" and "goblins" running around, there's no telling what can happen! Unfortunately, the fun sometimes turns to cruel tricks-like when someone tampers with kids' treats. You can watch out for trouble and be safer on Halloween when your children take the following safety precautions:

- Don't go trick-or-treating alone or late at night. If you can, go before dark, or go with a group of friends or a trusted adult.
- Only go where you are welcome and feel comfortable. People usually decorate their homes and turn the porch light on when expecting trick-or-treaters. Please respect the property and wishes of those who do not wish to be disturbed and choose not to participate.
- Stay in your neighborhood and familiar areas. If you go out after dark, stay on well-lighted streets and carry a flashlight.
- Wear a costume that can be seen in the dark. Make sure it is non-flammable and fits well so you don't trip when you walk. Use makeup to create a spooky or fun look rather than wearing a mask. If you wear a mask, make sure you can clearly see out of it.
- Don't eat any treats until an adult has checked them at home. Sometimes mean people pull cruel tricks by putting dangerous things in the treats they give you. You might get hurt when you bite into them.

**The Long Beach Police Department  
wishes you a**

**Safe and Happy Halloween!**

**BE AWARE • BE SMART • BE SAFE**

## Congratulations: PSA's Houck and King!

The Long Beach Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit has been recognized for its crime fighting efforts as a result of the diligent work of Police Services Assistants (PSA) John Houck and Christa King.

On Wednesday, September 22, 2004, the California State Attorney General's Office recognized PSA Houck as the "Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year" at the California Crime Prevention Officers Association (CCPOA) Conference in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

The next day, PSA Houck was recognized by the Apartment Association of California Southern Cities at their annual Conference aboard the Queen Mary. They awarded PSA Houck with the Benjamin Slater "Education Award" for his efforts in educating apartment managers and owners in crime prevention and the Apartment Watch Program.



PSA John Houck



PSA Christa King

PSA King attended the CCPOA Training Conference without the knowledge she would also be awarded for her dedication and hard work. She was happily surprised when her name was called out as the recipient of the California Crime Prevention Officers Association Region 1 and Southern Chapter "Crime Prevention Practitioner of the Year" awards!

These awards are well deserved symbols of the professionalism and dedication displayed by both PSA Houck and King. **We want to extend a hearty congratulations and a warm thank you to the two of them!!**

## MEASURE 'A'

The Half Cent Public Safety and Homeland Security Sales Tax Initiative

**A Message from  
Chief Anthony Batts  
&  
Sheriff Lee Baca**

*Public Safety is the first priority of local government, and it is critical that we invest in our future right now.*

*The Los Angeles County Public Safety Homeland Security Sales Tax Initiative provides the stable funding desperately needed to help strengthen public safety, homeland security, and local anti-terrorism efforts throughout the County.*

*This measure guarantees that these funds will not be used for public services other than public safety.*

*The brave men and women who protect and serve our communities deserve the proper resources, and our communities deserve the highest level of public safety. We strongly urge your support of this initiative.*



For further information, go to  
[www.sheriffleebaca.org](http://www.sheriffleebaca.org)



## Neighborhood Watch Success Stories

This month's Success Story highlights a new Neighborhood Watch Group on the 2100 Block of Olive Avenue and the Block Party they hosted in tribute to September 11, 2001.

On September 11, 2004, Block Captain Lillian Parker, her husband Roderick and their neighbor, Marjorie Calloway organized a Block Party in the 2100 block of Olive Avenue. The well organized event was attended by several block residents and surrounding neighbors. Prior to the event, many neighbors were seen outside sweeping and sprucing up their homes and property in preparation for the festivities. V.I.P. Records graciously donated a DJ for the event who provided the musical entertainment. Teenage neighbors organized a "Praise Dance" which was joined by neighbors of all ages! There was a Bounce House for the children and Mr. Parker read poetry and stories to them as well. All the neighbors contributed food and drinks for the event and ohhhh what good food there was! West Division Community Policing Officers engaged young residents in a friendly game of basketball while Chief Anthony Batts praised the residents for their neighborhood unity and for their involvement in the improvement of their local community.



Our Hostesses: Marjorie Calloway and Lillian



Good Eats! Shared by All!



Teenage Neighbors organize a "Praise Dance"

Please share your own Neighborhood Watch Success Story by sending an article to the Community Relations Division, or e-mail it to [Lisa\\_Massacani@longbeach.gov](mailto:Lisa_Massacani@longbeach.gov).



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